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1. Senator Ellender's visit began September 2, 1956 and terminated September 5, 1956. It included visits around Djakarta and Bogor as well as a trip to Surabaya and Bali. Mr. Herber of the Economic Section of the Embassy was Control Officer for the visit, and he is submitting a detailed report.

2. Senator Ellender arrived in Djakarta late in the afternoon of September 2, 1956. He was met by the Ambassador, the Director and the Deputy Director of USOM, the Director of USIS and attaches.

3. That evening the Ambassador gave an informal dinner for the Senator which was followed by conversations largely treating of the Senator's recent visit to the USSR.

4. On Monday trips were arranged to malaria control, educational and agricultural activities.

The Senator visited the Malaria Control Institute but due to insufficient time for advance planning was unable to see an anti-malarial spraying team in action.

He then visited the schools in Djakarta at which the Taskforce team was offering instruction. He seemed pleased with the operation of the project, and spent considerable time in discussions with Dr. George Washington, the team leader.

Following this a trip was arranged which took the Senator to:

a) Pasar Minggu - location of training centers for tractor repair, use of mechanical equipment for agriculture, and a

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hose economic center. Although this was a holiday-- Labor Day--Mr. Jorgensen, a U.S. technician was working with the students. This fact and the level of instruction ("not above the ability of the students") seemed to favorably impress the visitor.

b) Tjissalak village on the Djakarta-Bogor Road. A demonstration farm of 27 acres where small terraces have been completed and land sown to a legume. This is a demonstration in land use and in soil conservation in upland areas.

c) Experimental Station at Bogor. Upland rice experiments; economic garden--coffee and cacao experimental work; Botanical Gardens--tropical palms.

d) Pasar Bogor--and many small stands and markets enroute-- to see what local produce was available and how it was being sold.

4. That afternoon the Senator and Director Baird met with Minister for State Planning Djuanda and the Acting Director of the State Planning Bureau, Ali Budiardjo. The Senator urged Dr. Djuanda to utilize private investment and the exploitation of Indonesia's abundant resources to finance the nation's development. Dr. Djuanda stated that they were, as a matter of fact, thinking of asking for external assistance. (Notes: He later indicated that the statement was made to "tease" the Senator.)

5. Monday evening, the Director of USOM gave an informal dinner for the Senator. It was attended by senior staff of the Embassy, USOM, USIS and attaches.

6. Tuesday morning, the Senator, accompanied by the Agriculture Attache Dr. Edens, Mr. Herber of the Embassy, the Naval Attache, Lt. Colonel Scott, and Messrs. Walker and Ulinski of USOM, visited the Gresik Cement Plant, and the environs of Surabaya. The party spent the afternoon and night at Denpasar, Bali, and returned to Djakarta on Wednesday morning.

7. On arrival in Djakarta, Senator Ellender conferred with Dr. Trumble, acting UN Resident Representative and permanent chief of the FAO program in Indonesia. After a brief meeting held at the Djakarta Airport, the Senator departed for Perth and Sydney, Australia.

8. The Senator made few specific comments about the program

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of the country. He seemed pleased with what he saw of both. His visit was short and fast and he had little opportunity to delve deeply into anything. The Senator indicated his pleasure that the program was directed toward helping the Indonesian people with their basic problems and was not geared beyond their means. He did express the opinion, however, that the "planners" were probably dreaming up a big money program for this country. His USOM escort made no allusion to the developmental assistance program which has been ~~initiated~~ <sup>requested</sup> these last few years.

9. During his visit the Senator gave an interview to the Associated Press. A version of this, as published in the Djakarta press, is attached.

10. In addition to the reply to his questionnaire and a copy of the USOM pamphlet, Indonesia-U.S. Cooperation, A Report, October 1950 to June 1955 (submitted to his office via DD/C), the Senator was presented with a list of all UN and specialized agency technicians in Indonesia, a copy of the FY 57 UN program for Indonesia, and a progress report on UN activities.

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